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The reply filed on 12/16/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the status of the amended claims is incorrect. See 37 CFR 1.111. Applicant states in the reply filed with the RCE of 12/16/03 that claims 44-50 were added in an after-final amendment filed October 16, 2003, "but these claims were not entered." The claims were not entered as an after-final amendment; however, as box 1(a) of the RCE request was checked, the amendment was entered upon entry of the RCE. The proper status of claims 44-50 should therefore be indicated as either "Previously presented" or "Previously unentered", and the full text of each claim must be recited. Only claims which are cancelled need not have the full text recited in an amendment. It is noted that new claims 51-57 appear to be duplicative of claims 44-50. In order to aid applicant in filing a response, the status of the amendments is set forth below.

All amendments filed to date have been entered. Claims 1-16 and 30-62 are pending. Claims 34-43, as properly indicated by applicant, are withdrawn. The amendment to the specification filed with the RCE request of 12/16/03 replaces all previous versions of the paragraphs on pages 41 and 43, and does not appear to contain new matter. Applicant is encouraged to contact the examiner for further clarification of claim status, if necessary, before filing the next response.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marjorie A. Moran whose telephone number is (571) 272-0720. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. to Wed, 7:30-4; Thurs 7:30-6; Fri 7-1 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Woodward can be reached on (571)272-0722. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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